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SUBJ: PROPOSED COMMUNICATION FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER

TO FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA ON ENERGY COORDINA-

TING GROUP MATTERS

REF: A)MADRID 1556; B) STATE 48355; C) STATE 37858

1. THE ISSUE OF KEEPING THE GOS INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP CONTINUES TO RANKLE THE FOREIGN OFFICE. RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, SPANISH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CORTINA UNDERSTANDS THAT SOME COMMITMENT WAS MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT THERE WOULD BE A FREER, FULLER AND MORE PERSONALIZED FLOW OF INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT.

2. IT IS THE AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATION THAT A LETTER BE TRANSMITTED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT WOULD PARAPHRASE REF C. THIS LETTER WOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE THE USG INITIATIVE IN PUTTING THE SPANISH CHAIRMAN OF THE OECD ENERGY COMMITTEE IN AN EX-OFFICIO POSITION ON THE OECD HIGH LEVEL GROUP AS PER REF: B.

3. WEEKEND NEWSPAPERS INDICATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING A MEETING OF THE LARGER CONSUMING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE NON-PARTICIPANTS IN THE ECG. THIS CATEGORY,

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INTO WHICH SPAIN CLEARLY FALLS, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS

REPORTS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE BRIEFED BY UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON. IF THE REPORTS OF SUCH AN IMPENDING MEETING ARE INDEED BASED IN FACT, THE EMBASSY MAKES THE STRONGEST POSSIBLY RECOMMENDATION THAT SPAIN BE INVITED TO ATTEND. IF THE PLANS ARE SUFFICIENTLY FAR ADVANCED, THE EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING GIVEN PERMISSION TO TRANSMIT THE INVITATION FOR THEM TO ATTEND IN THE TEXT OF THE FOREGOING LETTER THAT IT PROPOSES BE SENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENTAL PERMISSION TO TRANSMIT A MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA AS COMING FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER WITH CONTENTS AS PER PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE.
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